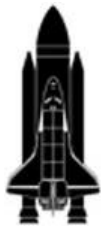


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Chandra's IUS passes tests; countdown simulation next 11



KSC Visitor Complex
celebrating Apollo
mission anniversary



▲ **STS-93 Payload Update:** The communications and the Inertial Upper Stage (IUS) flight readiness tests on the Chandra/IUS-27 payload have been completed successfully. The stand-alone countdown simulation is scheduled to begin tonight, with completion on Friday. The next target milestone is

July 17, closing the payload bay doors on Space Shuttle Columbia. The target launch date is July 20.

▲ The historic Apollo 11 launch on July 16, 1969, was a major milestone for NASA.

Four days later, the first humans set foot on the moon; namely, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz



Aldrin. To commemorate that achievement, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is celebrating Saturday, July 17, with a full day of events open to the public. The highlights include, at the Apollo/Saturn V center, public briefings by astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Wally Schirra, Walt Cunningham, Charlie Duke, and Gene Cernan, the last man to walk on the Moon; and a 1960's pop concert. At the Visitor Complex's new Universe Theater, the U.S. Postal Service's new stamp "Man Walk on the Moon" will be unveiled; and astronauts Cernan and Schirra, plus author Andrew

Chaikin, will have book and autograph signings. Finally, the Tampa/ Hillsborough Organization of Rocketry will launch scale models of the Apollo/Saturn V Moon rocket from the main Visitor Complex. The complex is open 9 a.m. to dusk. For more information, call 407-452-2121.

◆ **National Space Club (NSC) Luncheon:** A new family of rockets being developed by the Boeing Company is the subject of the NSC Florida Committee's luncheon July 22. Michael Kennedy, vice president of the Boeing Company EELV/Delta IV Program, is the keynote speaker at the event. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Oceanfront Hotel in Cocoa Beach. Reservations can be placed with Sharon Andre at 867-3772. Individual tickets are \$15; corporate tables of 10 are \$125.

◆ **Lunch And Learn** – KSC Fitness Centers present *Beating the Boredom Blues*, July 9 & 23, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and learn motivation techniques and tips for mixing up your workout program. Call 867-7829 for the location sign-up.

◆ **Did You Know?** You can share in the memories of the Apollo 11 mission by checking out the photos on the KSC Web site: <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/captions/hotpics.htm> known as **Publishers Photo Corner**. The page has a direct link at the top

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to the Apollo 11 photo site. New photos have been added, perhaps ones you haven't seen before. This page also has links at the bottom to other Apollo sites, from NASA Image Exchange/JSC and



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